

Trump escalates attacks on Harris' mental fitness and suggests she should be prosecuted

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ERIE, Pa. (AP) — Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump escalated his personal attacks on his Democratic rival, Kamala Harris, on Sunday by repeating an insult that she was "mentally impaired" while also saying she should be "impeached and prosecuted."

Trump's rally Sunday in Erie, Pennsylvania, took on similar themes as an event one day earlier that he described himself as a "dark speech." He told a cheering crowd that Harris was responsible for an "invasion" at the U.S.-Mexico border and "she should be impeached and prosecuted for her actions."

"Crooked Joe Biden became mentally impaired," he added. "Sad. But lying Kamala Harris, honestly, I believe she was born that way. There's something wrong with Kamala."



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And I just don't know what it is but there is definitely something missing. And you know what, everybody knows it." With just over a month until the election, Trump is intensifying his use of personal and offensive attacks, even as some Republicans say he'd be better sticking to the issues.

His suggestions that political enemies be prosecuted are particularly notable for their departure from norms in the U.S. in which the judicial system is supposed to be protected from political influence. In recent weeks, he has threatened prosecutions of Google for allegedly giving priority to



Republican presidential nominee former President Donald Trump speaks at a campaign event, Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024, in Erie, Pa.

"good stories" about Harris, and anyone he deems to be Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg, "involved in unscrupulous

behavior" related to the coming election.

His derision of the first Black woman and person of South Asian descent to lead a major party ticket as "stupid," "weak," "dumb as a rock" and "lazy" is also a sign of how nasty and personal the final stretch of the campaign may be.

His allies have pushed him publicly and privately to talk instead about the economy, immigration and other issues.

"I just think the better course to take is to prosecute the case that her policies are destroying the country," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., on CNN's "State of the Union" Sunday when asked about Trump's comments. "They're crazy liberal."

When asked whether he approved of the personal attacks on Harris, Rep. Tom Emmer, R-Minn., side-stepped during an interview on ABC's "This Week."

"I think Kamala Harris is the wrong choice for America," said Emmer, who is helping Trump's running mate JD Vance prepare for Tuesday's vice-presidential debate. "I think Kamala Harris is actually as bad or worse as the administration that we've witnessed for the last four years."

When pressed, Emmer said: "I think we should stick to the issues. The issues are, Donald Trump fixed it once. They broke it. He's going to fix it again. Those are the issues."

Former Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, running for the Senate as a moderate Republican, brought up Trump's false claims that Harris, the daughter of Jamaican and Indian immigrants, had previously played down her Black heritage. Harris attended Howard University, a historically Black college, and has identified as both Black and South Asian consistently throughout her political career.

"I've already called him out when he had the one interview where he was questioning her racial identity, and now he's questioning her mental competence," Hogan told CBS' "Face the Nation."

"And I think that's insulting not only to the vice president but to people who actually do have mental disabilities."

Harris has not commented on Trump's recent attacks but has said when asked about other comments that it was the "same old show. The same tired playbook we've heard for years with no plan on how he would address the needs of the American people."

Ahead of the rally on Sunday, some of Trump's supporters said he often makes offensive remarks. Still, they support his proposals to restrict immigration and said he would have a better handle on the economy.

"He says what's on his mind, and again, sometimes how he says it isn't appropriate," said Jeffrey Balogh, 56, who attended the rally with two friends. "But he did the job. He did very well at it."

At the rally in Erie, Trump said the "invasion" would end and deportations begin if he took office.

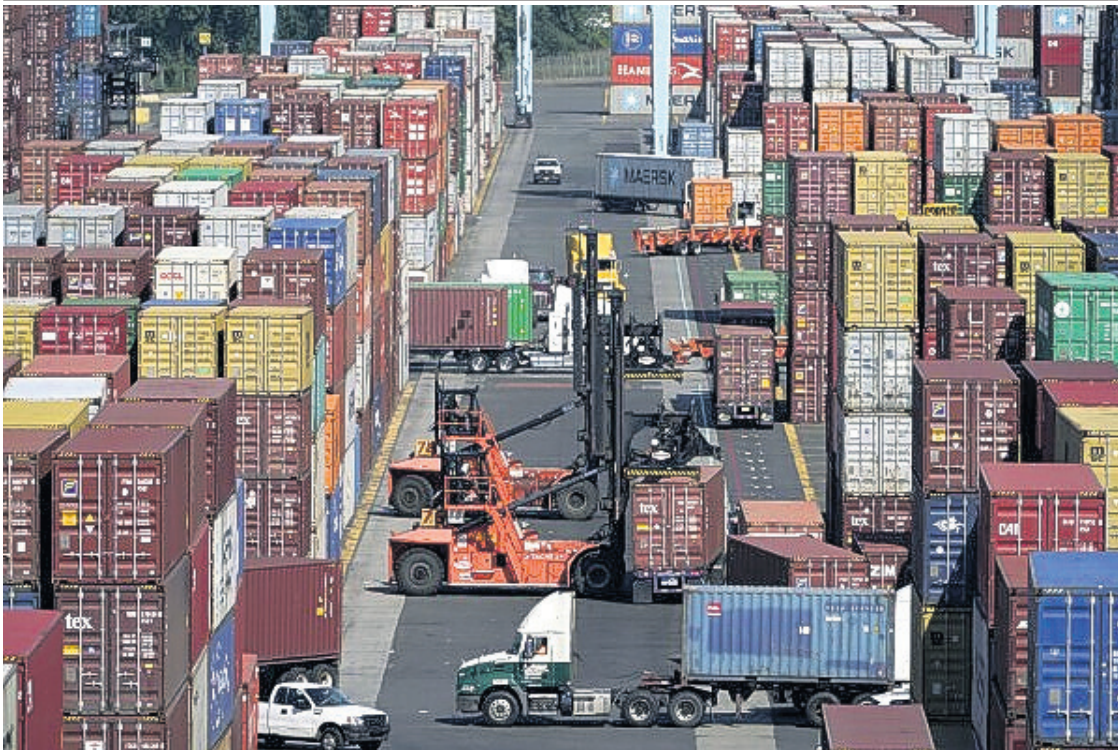
"Thousands of migrants from the most dangerous countries are destroying the character of small towns and leaving local communities in anguish and in despair," he said, talking about communities in the battleground states of Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania. Last month, the GOP leader said he was "entitled" to personal attacks against Harris. □




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US retailers brace for potential pain from a longshoremen's strike

By Tom Krisher
Associated Press

(AP) - With a dockworkers' strike threatening to close ports on the East and Gulf coasts beginning this week, Chris Butler is growing worried.

Butler is CEO of the National Tree Company, and, like many businesses, his is counting on shipments that are en route from Asia but won't reach their ports before an expected strike by longshoremen starting at 12:01 a.m. Eastern time Tuesday.

The company, based in New Jersey, is an importer of artificial Christmas trees and other holiday decorations. If a strike were to last just a few days, there might be time afterward to unload the trees, transport them to warehouses and have them ready for customers this season.

Yet if a strike were to keep ports closed until, say, November, about 150,000 trees might not arrive in time for the peak shopping season, imposing costs on National Tree and other businesses. In a worst-case scenario, those costs, multiplied across industries, could fuel inflation and pressure the U.S. economy. "Definitely not an ideal situation," Butler said.

National Tree already has stockpiled or delivered most of the roughly 2 million

artificial trees it sells each year. But it would lose revenue if 150,000 of the trees got stuck in the pipeline.

Other businesses face the same predicament, with goods that could be stranded at sea if 45,000 members of the International Longshoremen's Association make good on their threat to strike. They could shut down 36 ports from Maine to Texas that handle about half the goods shipped into and out of the United States. (West Coast dockworkers belong to a different union and aren't involved in the strike.) A prolonged strike would force companies to pay shippers for the delays, and goods could arrive too late for the high point of holiday shopping season. On Friday, top Biden administration officials met with port operators and told them they should negotiate with the union ahead of Tuesday, according to a White House official who insisted on anonymity to discuss an ongoing meeting.

Butler says he's hoping for an agreement or for government intervention to halt a strike. But the U.S. Maritime Alliance, which represents shippers and ports, and the longshoremen's union haven't met since June. And no talks are scheduled before their contact expires late Monday.

"ILA unity remains strong and is growing," James McNamara, spokesman for the International Longshoremen's Association, said in a statement Sunday. He said the union would update the public on any new developments by 11 a.m. Monday.

The union is demanding significantly higher wages and a total ban on the automation of cranes, gates and moving containers in the loading and unloading of freight.

The Toy Association, the nation's leading toy trade group, was among about 200 organizations that asked President Joe Biden in a letter this month to work with both sides to reach an agreement. The National Grain and Feed Association also urged Biden to take action to avert a strike, which would come just as harvest season gets underway.

Their push has put Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic presidential nominee, in a sensitive position: Both have courted union support and don't want to be seen as pressuring the longshoremen to reach a settlement. Yet if an extended strike were to cause shortages of consumer goods or fuel high inflation, it could cost Harris votes in the November election. □



Pallbearers carry the casket of Massachusetts State Police recruit Enrique Delgado-Garcia at the start of his funeral service at the Mercadante Funeral Home in Worcester, Mass., Saturday, Sept. 24, 2024.

(John Tlumacki/The Boston Globe via AP)

Massachusetts police gather at funeral for trooper recruit who died during training

By Patrick White
Associated Press

(AP) - A large law enforcement presence turned out in Worcester on Saturday to honor a state police recruit who died after becoming unresponsive during a training exercise.

Enrique Delgado-Garcia, 25, died at a hospital on Sept. 13 a day after becoming unresponsive during a defensive tactics exercise in a boxing ring and suffering a "medical crisis," authorities have said. The state attorney general has since named an attorney to lead an outside investigation into the death of Delgado-Garcia, whose funeral was held Saturday. Delgado-Garcia's mother and others have said they want answers and accountability from the investigation, and she has raised questions about whether the training exercise was unnecessarily violent.

On Saturday, police carried Delgado-Garcia's casket, which was draped in an American flag, from a funeral home as part of the service. A bagpiper played "Going Home," and flags around the state were ordered lowered to half-staff by Gov. Maura Healey.

Delgado-Garcia's funeral happened against a backdrop of calls for accountability that have spread beyond his family. The Latino Law Enforcement Group of Boston and Lawyers for Civil Rights in Boston have both issued public statements calling for transparency about the

investigation into Delgado-Garcia's death.

The state must "immediately suspend anyone potentially involved and responsible for the fatal boxing match to ensure the safety and well-being of the remaining cadets in the Massachusetts State Police Academy," in addition to making other safety and accountability improvements, Lawyers for Civil Rights said in its statement.

Massachusetts State Police and the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General did not immediately respond to requests for comment on Saturday.

Delgado-Garcia, of Worcester, died after the boxing ring exercise took place at the Massachusetts State Police Academy in New Braintree, a little more than 60 miles (97 kilometers) west of Boston. Massachusetts State Police has said it has suspended full-contact boxing training activities among recruits in the wake of Delgado-Garcia's death.

Delgado-Garcia was born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, and moved to Worcester at a young age, according to an obituary on the website of the Mercadante Funeral Home & Chapel in Worcester.

He earned an undergraduate degree from Westfield State University in Massachusetts before starting his career as a victim's advocate in the Worcester district attorney's office, the obituary said. □

How Helene became the near-perfect storm to bring widespread destruction across the South

By Terry Spencer
Associated Press

(AP) - Hurricane Helene killed and destroyed far and wide — from Tampa to Atlanta to Asheville, North Carolina, its high winds, heavy rains and sheer size created a perfect mix for devastation.

The storm made landfall late Thursday along a largely undeveloped expanse of pine trees and salt marshes on Florida's Big Bend coast, but it immediately displayed its far-reaching power several hundred miles away. As of Sunday morning, at least 64 people were confirmed killed.

Tampa Bay was inundated with a massive storm surge that sent water up to people's attics. Atlanta got more than 11 inches of rain, more than any 48-hour period in recorded history. So many trees were toppled in South Carolina that at one point more than 40 percent of the state lost electricity. In North Carolina, dams were in jeopardy of failing and entire communities are cut off by floods. Floodwaters submerged a hospital in Tennessee so quickly that more than 50 patients had to be rescued from the roof via helicopter.

How did a single storm unleash destruction so far away?

Dan Brown, a specialist at the National Hurricane Center near Miami, said Helene had all the attributes that make a storm widely destructive. It was large, about 350 miles (560 kilometers) wide. It was strong, with winds reaching 140 mph (225 kph) when it made landfall late Thursday,



Elsie Hicks looks at the destruction of the home she has lived in for 25 years, in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, in Horseshoe Beach, Fla., Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024.

(AP Photo/Gerald Herbert)

creating widespread storm surge. It carried heavy rains. And it was fast, speeding north at up to 24 mph (39 kph) offshore and 30 mph (48 kph) inland.

He compared the geographic scale of Helene's destruction to 1972's Hurricane Agnes, 1989's Hurricane Hugo and 2004's Hurricane Ivan.

"Systems that get very powerful, large and fast moving unfortunately do bring the potential for impact and damage well inland," Brown said Saturday.

Here is a look at the many deadly tentacles of Helene.

FLORIDA

Helene's devastation began Thursday, hours before it made landfall, as it swept through the Gulf of Mexico. Its then-120-mph (193-kph) winds created storm surge that pushed 6-to-15-feet (2-to-4.5 meters) of water into island and coastal neighborhoods all along Florida's west coast.

Nine people who drowned

were residents who stayed behind after their Tampa Bay area neighborhoods were ordered evacuated.

Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri expressed his frustration — issuing evacuation orders isn't a decision that's made lightly, he said. Many who ignored officials then called for help as some sought refuge in their attics from the rising waters. Deputies tried to help, using boats and high-profile vehicles, but they couldn't reach many neighborhoods.

"We made our case, we told people what they needed to do and they chose otherwise," Gualtieri said at a Friday press conference.

Late Thursday, Helene's eye slammed into the northwest Florida coast in the Big Bend area, the spot where the Panhandle makes its westward jut from the peninsula — Hurricanes Idalia and Debby had previously hit the area within the last 13 months.

Susan Sauls Hartway had evacuated her seaside home — it was gone and when she returned Friday.

"I knew it would be bad, but I had no idea it was going to be this bad," Hartway said. "This is unbelievable."

GEORGIA

After making landfall, Helene sped into Georgia. Among more than 20 dead were a 27-year-old mother and her 1-month old twins died Friday when trees fell on their house in Thomson, just west of Augusta. An 89-year-old woman was killed when trees

fell on her house nearby.

Rhonda Bell and her husband were spending a sleepless night in the downstairs bedroom of their century-old home just outside Valdosta, where Helene's center passed shortly after midnight. The winds broke off limbs, tore away neighbors' roof shingles and knocked down fence panels in the neighborhood with train tracks along one edge. Then a towering oak tree crashed through the roof of an upstairs bedroom.

"I just felt the whole house shake," Bell said. "Thank God we're both alive to tell about it."

Atlanta was hit with 11 inches (28 centimeters) of rain, the heaviest 48-hour downfall since the city began keeping records in 1878. Streets flooded, submerging cars. Firefighters rescued at least 20 people.

NORTH CAROLINA

Helene's heavy rains in the state's western mountains caused massive flooding and mudslides in the Asheville region, cutting off most communication and making the roads impassable.

Video posted online shows large portions of the city underwater.

More than 1,000 miles (1,610 kilometers) away in Texas, Jessica Drye Turner begged on Facebook on Friday for someone to rescue her family members stranded on their Asheville rooftop.

But in a follow-up message Saturday, Turner said the roof had collapsed before help arrived and her parents, both

in their 70s, and her 6-year-old nephew had drowned.

"I cannot convey in words the sorrow, heartbreak and devastation my sisters and I are going through," she wrote.

Jeff Muenstermann and his wife, Lisa, friends of Turner's, told The Associated Press on Saturday they had spoken to Turner after she posted the initial plea for help. At her request, they messaged members of The Village Church in Flower Mound, Texas, where they all attend, to pray for the family's safety back in North Carolina.

"I just thought they were going to be rescued," Jeff Muenstermann said. "I asked everybody to pray and they did. And then a couple hours later, her husband called me, completely distraught and said ... we lost them. They all drowned."

SOUTH CAROLINA

The storm was especially deadly in South Carolina. The biggest impact appears to be falling trees. The storm also produced tornadoes in the state.

In Saluda County, two firefighters were killed when a tree fell on their truck while they were answering a call. In Greenville County, four people were killed by falling trees. Four people were also killed in Aiken County by trees falling on homes, including a 78-year-old husband and his 74-year-old wife.

TENNESSEE

Helene's heavy rains caused the state's eastern rivers to overflow their banks and threatened to break dams, endangering those living nearby and forcing them to flee.

Patients and others at a hospital near the North Carolina border had to be evacuated to the roof Friday when torrents from the overflowing Nolichucky River rushed into the building.

Unicoi County Hospital tried to evacuate 11 patients and dozens of others, but the water was too treacherous for boats sent by the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency to navigate.

Helicopters were flown in to help rescue them. Eventually, everyone was evacuated. □



Residents discard items from their homes which filled with floodwaters from Hurricane Helene in the Shore Acres neighborhood on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024, in St. Petersburg, Fla. (AP Photo/Mike Carlson)

Norway is mulling building a fence on its border with Russia, following Finland's example

By Jari Tanner
Associated Press

HELSINKI (AP) — Norway may put a fence along part or all of the 198-kilometer (123-mile) border it shares with Russia, a minister said, a move inspired by a similar project in its Nordic neighbor Finland.

"A border fence is very interesting, not only because it can act as a deterrent but also because it contains sensors and technology that allow you to detect if people are moving close to the border," Justice Minister Emilie Enger Mehl said in an interview with the Norwegian public broadcaster NRK published late Saturday.

She said the Norwegian government is currently looking at "several measures" to beef up security on the border with Russia in the Arctic north, such as fencing, increasing the number of border staff or stepping up monitoring.

The Storskog border station, which has witnessed only a handful of illegal border crossing attempts in the past few years, is the only official crossing point into Norway from Russia.



A sign indicating the Storskog border crossing between Russia and Norway is pictured near Kirkenes, Norway, on Sept. 28, 2022.

(Lise Aserud/NTB Scanpix via AP, File)

Should the security situation in the delicate Arctic area worsen, the Norwegian government is ready to close the border on short notice, said Enger Mehl, who visited neighboring Finland this summer to learn about how the entire 1,340-kilometer (830-mile) Finnish-Russian land border was closed.

The Finnish government was prompted to close all

crossing points from Russia to Finland in late 2023 after more than 1,300 third-country migrants without proper documentation or visas — an unusually high number — entered the country in three months, just months after the nation became a member of NATO.

To prevent Moscow using migrants in what the Finnish government calls Russia's

"hybrid warfare," Helsinki is currently building fences with a total length of up to 200 kilometers (124 miles) in separate sections along the border zone that makes up part of NATO's northern flank and serves as the European Union's external border. Finnish border officials say fences equipped with top-notch surveillance equipment — to be located mostly

around crossing points — are needed to better monitor and control any migrants attempting to cross over from Russia and give officials time to react. Inspired by Finland's project, Enger Mehl said that such a fence could also be a good idea for Norway. According to NRK, her statement was supported by police chief Ellen Katrine Hætta in Norway's northern Finnmark county.

"It's a measure that may become relevant on all or part of the border" between Norway and Russia, Enger Mehl said.

The Storskog border station is currently surrounded by a 200-meter (660-foot) -long and 3.5-meter (12-foot) -high fence erected in 2016 after some 5,000 migrants and asylum-seekers had crossed over from Russia to Norway a year earlier.

Norway, a nation of 5.6 million, is a NATO member but isn't part of the European Union. However, it belongs to the EU's Schengen area, whose participants have abolished border controls at their mutual borders, guaranteeing free movement of citizens. □

France's new government pledges hardline stance on migration as it cozies up to far right

By Diane Jeante and
Sylvie Corbet
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — France's new government is set to take a hardline approach to migration issues as key officials have pledged to significantly reduce the number of people entering and staying illegally in the country.

After calling for snap legislative elections in June, President Emmanuel Macron appointed Prime Minister Michel Barnier, a veteran conservative from The Republicans party, hoping the Brexit negotiator would work with the divided legislature to end the political turmoil that has upended French politics in recent months.

The Barnier government — dominated by conservatives and centrists — does not have a majority in par-

liament and efforts to pass any new legislation are bound to be fought, and potentially blocked. The National Assembly is now split between three major political blocs: the left-wing New Popular Front leftist coalition, Macron's centrist allies — who made a deal with the conservatives — and the far-right National Rally party, the largest single party in the new assembly.

The new prime minister will outline his priorities in a general policy speech scheduled for Tuesday at the National Assembly.

In recent televised interviews, Barnier criticized French borders as "sieves" and expressed concern that "migratory flows" were "not under control." He promised to "limit immigration," citing measures taken by neighbor-

ing countries like Germany, which expanded controls at all land borders earlier this month. Critics have denounced Barnier's government immigration stance as strongly influenced by the National Rally's proposals, as its survival depends on the party's goodwill.

Far-right and left-wing lawmakers can force the whole government to resign on condition they agree on a no-confidence vote.

Marine Le Pen, the National Rally's leading figure, said she would not seek to bring down the new government for now, waiting to see its initial "acts." In a recent interview with La Tribune-Dimanche newspaper, she said: "It's undeniable that Michel Barnier seems to have, on migration, the same assessment as ours."



French Interior Minister Bruno Retailleau, right, and French Prime Minister Michel Barnier speak during a family picture in Paris, Friday, Sept. 27, 2024.

(AP Photo/Christophe Ena, File)

A new interior minister to reign in immigration Barnier's hardline approach is reflected in the appointment of Bruno Retailleau, a fellow conservative known for his tough rhetoric on migrants, as the interior minister.

Retailleau shared this week his intention to reign in immigration. He said he would seek to "reform" France's state medical assistance that covers health care expenses for undocumented migrants. □

Europeans, Arab and Muslim nations launch a new initiative for an independent Palestinian state

By Edith M. Lederer

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — European, Arab and Islamic nations have launched an initiative to strengthen support for a Palestinian state and its institutions, and prepare for a future after the war in Gaza and escalating conflict in Lebanon, Norway's foreign minister said Friday.

Espen Barth Eide told The Associated Press that "there is a growing consensus in the international community from Western countries, from Arab countries, from the Global South, that we need to establish a Palestinian Authority, a Palestinian government, a Palestinian state — and the Palestinian state has to be recognized."

Eide said many issues need to be addressed, including the security interests of Israel and the Palestinians, recognition and normalization of relations after decades of conflict and the demobilization of Hamas as a military group. Traction with Netanyahu is unlikely. But even if the puzzle is completed, it's unlikely to gain traction with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Still, Eide believes that after decades of failed or stalled negotiations, "we need to take a new approach" to achieving an independent Palestinian state.

To accelerate work on these issues, Eide said almost 90 countries attended a meeting Thursday on the sidelines



Norwegian Foreign Minister Espen Barth Eide speaks during a Security Council meeting at United Nations headquarters, Jan. 23, 2024.

of the U.N. General Assembly's current gathering of world leaders. He and Saudi Arabia's foreign minister co-chaired the session to launch "The Global Alliance for the Implementation of a Palestinian State and a Two-State Solution."

Norway is the guarantor of the 1993 Oslo Accords, hailed as a breakthrough in the decades-long conflict between Arabs and Jews, which created the Palestinian Authority and set up self-rule areas in the Palestinian Authority. Eide said more than 30 years later, Israel's "occupation" is continuing, and there are no negotiations leading to a

final settlement and an independent Palestinian state — which led to Norway's decision in May to recognize a Palestinian state.

Now, 149 of the U.N.'s 193 member nations have recognized a Palestinian state. Eide urged all countries "to contribute to universal recognition" and strengthen Palestinian institutions so they live up to the expectations of people in the West Bank and are prepared to return to Gaza: "We want one Palestine, not different Palestines," he said.

Eide brought up the alliance again Saturday during his address to the annual meeting of world leaders at the U.N.

(AP Photo/Yuki Iwamura, File)

General Assembly, stressing that "while cease-fires in Gaza and Lebanon are most urgently needed, ending hostilities must not be confused with lasting solutions." He again called on the 44 U.N. member nations that haven't done so to recognize the state of Palestine and allow it to become a full member of the United Nations.

And he called on "everyone who can, to help to build Palestine's institutions, and on regional actors to help embed a political settlement in a broader regional framework."

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al-Saud told

the U.N. Security Council on Friday that his country, the joint Islamic-Arab ministerial committee, Norway and the European Union launched the alliance "because we feel responsible to act to change the reality of the conflict without delay."

He told the assembly Saturday that the coalition aimed "to promote the two-state solution," calling on all countries to join the group and to recognize the Palestinians as an independent state.

EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell urged all countries to take practical measures "to bring about the free Palestine next to a secure Israel." First meetings will be in Saudi Arabia and Belgium.

Borrell said on X that the first meetings of the alliance would be in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and Brussels. Borrell asked rhetorically of anyone who opposes a two-state solution: What is the solution, and can it be implemented? He stressed that work on this initiative will move ahead quickly.

Eide said this new effort is built on the 2002 Arab Peace Initiative, "but updated to today's reality."

The 2002 initiative, endorsed by the Arab League and the 57-member Organization of Islamic Cooperation, offered Israel normalized relations in exchange for a full withdrawal from territories captured in 1967. He said efforts started long ago to build the institutions of a Palestinian state. □



In this photo provided by Fars News Agency, Iranian Revolutionary Guard Gen. Abbas Nilforushan addresses a meeting in Tehran, Iran, Feb. 5, 2024. Nilforushan died in an Israeli airstrike that killed Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah in Beirut, Iranian media reported Saturday.

(Elaheh Javan, Fars News Agency via AP)

By Jon Gambrell

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emir-

ates (AP) — A prominent general in Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard

Iran Revolutionary Guard general died in Israeli strike that killed Hezbollah leader, reports say

died in an Israeli airstrike that killed Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah in Beirut, Iranian media reported Saturday. The killing of Gen. Abbas Nilforushan marks the latest casualty suffered by Iran as the nearly year-long Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip teeters on the edge of becoming a regional conflict. His death further ratchets up pressure on Iran to respond, even as Tehran has signaled in recent months that it wants to negotiate with the West

over sanctions crushing its economy.

Nilforushan, 58, was killed Friday in the strike in Lebanon in which Nasrallah died, the state-owned newspaper Tehran Times reported. Ahmad Reza Pour Khaghan, the deputy head of Iran's judiciary, also confirmed Nilforushan's death, describing him as a "guest to the people of Lebanon," the state-run IRNA news agency said. Khaghan also reportedly said that Iran had

the right to retaliate under international law.

Nilforushan served as the deputy commander for operations in the Guard, a role overseeing its ground forces. What he was doing in Lebanon on Friday wasn't immediately clear. The Guard's expeditionary Quds Force for decades has armed, trained and relied on Hezbollah as part of its strategy to rely on regional militias as a counterbalance to Israel and the United States. □

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(Oranjestad)—If you're ever planning on snorkeling during your vacation on Aruba, you may spot fish that you can't recognize. One of these may be the "Candelchi" (Squirrelfish), a common, yet shy fish that swims all year long in the waters of Aruba.

Let's talk about the names

of fish. Do you know your fish? The Department of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries, known as Santa Rosa, offers this informative article that illustrate some fish and their names in Papiamentu.

Candelchi, Squirrelfish, Holocentrus adscensionis:
Candelchi actually refers to

the entire squirrelfish family or, as some say, when we say candelchi, we mean several different species but without distinguishing them by species. In this picture, we are showing the most common one in our waters, which is called squirrelfish in English or scientifically known as Holocentrus adscensionis.



spine or marks on the body.

Under candelchi, we in Aruba generally refer to all the different species of squirrelfish. They all look alike and it's really difficult to distinguish between them.

The squirrelfish family is distinguished by the following characteristics. They are heart-shaped with pink or red hues and often show heart-shaped streaks between the scales along the body. They have hard fins and are always armed. Over at our sister island Curaçao, they are called "bari di clabo" (nail barrel) for that reason.

In our waters, there are 7 to 8 types or species present and they are sometimes caught and seen occasionally. They can be distinguished by different marks such as color on the dorsal

In Aruba:

Candelchi are found on reefs or areas with structure in the water where they can hide. Although they prefer to hunt for food at night, they are also active during the day. They are edible and delicious when prepared dry and crispy with lime. It is particularly challenging to scale the fish, which is why it is not one of the favorites among fishermen. They often live in groups.



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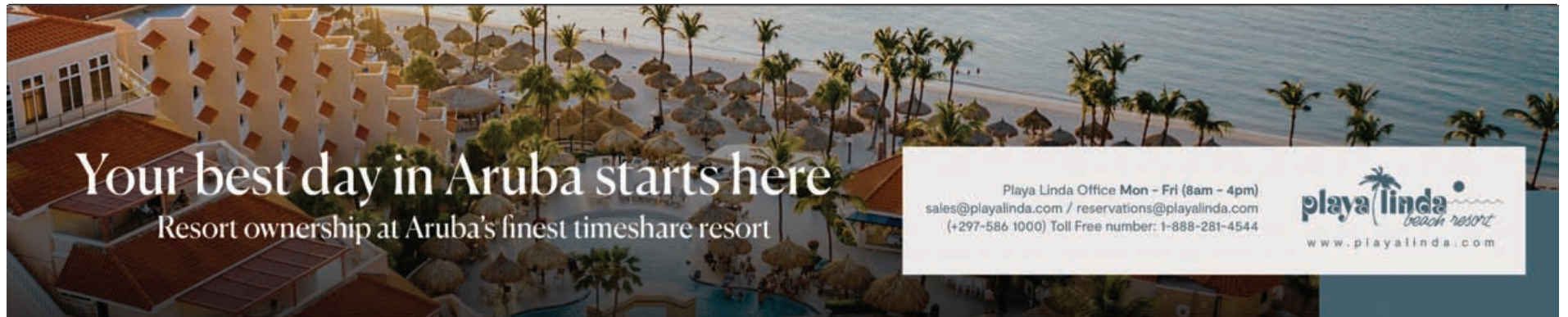
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Aruba Tourism Authority honored loyal visitors at Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort Aruba!

The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the great pleasure of recognizing Distinguished Visitors of Aruba. The honorees were respectively honored with a certificate for their years of visits, loyalty, and love for the island of Aruba.

The honorary certification is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation and to say "Masha Danki" to guests who have visited Aruba 10, 20, or 35 years or more consecutively.

The three levels of honor are as follows:

Distinguished Visitor (10>years consecutively visiting Aruba)
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Emerald Ambassador (35>years

consecutively visiting Aruba)

The honorees were:
Distinguished Visitors
Mr. William & Mrs. Vera Harris from Burbank California, United States.

Mr. Jorgino Willems representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort Aruba bestowed the certificate upon the honorees, presented them with gifts, and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination, as their home away from home.

The top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by the honorees were:

- Aruba's people.
- Aruba's beaches & Cele-



brating birthday yearly.

- Aruba's beautiful sunsets.
- "The locals have made us feel like family"
- "Dinning is out of this world"

On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the honorees for their continued visits to the "One Happy Island". □

Birds of Aruba

ORANJESTAD — On May 11th, 2010, the Aruba Bird-life Conservation was founded with the aim of protecting the biodiversity in general and birds in and around Aruba in particular.

Among other things, the foundation will focus on increasing the survival chances of species of wild birds by promoting their preservation and conser-

vation. The foundation publishes the most beautiful pictures of local birds on their social media that show us the beauty of Aruba's birds and nature in general. Aruba Today gives you a little peek with the following pictures and descriptions from the foundations Facebook page.

The Great Egret
Serenity in Aruba's National



Park, a Great Egret flying in peace. When it is peaceful and quite, beautiful things start happening in nature.

Canadian in the house

The breeding season is over and it's getting pretty cold



in North America. Shore birds have started moving southwards as early as July. This wetland beauty wants to keep its toes warm. Our Canadian friends know exactly where they can do so best. A Greater Yellowlegs rediscovering Aruba's Bubali Wetlands.

Cabochon

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English: Blue-tailed Emerald (male) Dutch: Blauwstaartsmaragdkolibrie (manetje).

Aruba's to enjoy. Aruba's to protect. □



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Did you know about... Basic driving rules on Aruba (part 1)

(Oranjestad)—Have you ever felt confused when you're driving on the highways or backstreets of Aruba? Then we present a simple guide to some of the basic rules of Aruban traffic, along with some tips for things to look out for.

Speed limit

Legally, the speed limit on the four-lane highways is 80 km/h. This speed limit also counts for the main roads that are connected to the highways. The minimum speed is 50 km/h. Most people drive around 60 km/h on the main roads and about 70 km/h on the highways. There are also areas that indicate a speed limit on a sign; these are usually around populated and school areas.

The four-lane highways contain the left-lane, also known as the "fast" lane for each direction. Here is where vehicles can drive up to the maximum speed. However, legally it is not permitted to drive for long periods of time on the left lane. This lane is primarily designed for drivers to switch lanes before a roundabout, for example, if your exit on the roundabout is on your far left. The general lane to drive in—both at maximum and minimum speed—is on the right lane.

Roundabouts

Speaking of roundabouts, it is important to know where you have to enter and drive on the roundabout to make your exit. A good rule of thumb is to count the exits starting from your right side. So, exit 1 would be on your right; exit 2 would be straight ahead; exit 3 would be on your far left and exit 4 would lead to the road paralleled to the one you're on, heading in the other direction.

Most roundabouts have these 4 exits, so they are relatively simple. When you're driving on the four-lane highway, it is important to know when to switch to the left lane to make your exit: if your exit is on your far left (exit 3), then



you need to switch to the left lane on the highway before nearing the roundabout so you can take the path that leads you directly to your exit. If your exit is on your right or if you're going straight ahead, you can keep driving in the right lane of the highway.

It's also important to know that vehicles about to enter the roundabout must yield to those already on it. A good rule of thumb is to look out if someone is coming from your left side.

However, other roundabouts can be quite tricky to navigate...

Watty Vos Boulevard (the "paperclip" roundabout)

Probably the biggest roundabout on the island, the "paperclip" roundabout on the Watty Vos Boulevard is one of the trickier roundabouts that could—and has—caused confused among both tourists and locals. However, once you take a good look at it, it's fairly simple. The

basis is just the same as a regular roundabout (left exit? left lane! etc.), but instead of having four different exits like on a regular roundabout, now you have two extra; one on the right and the other on the left side of the roundabout. The rules don't change at all, you just have to keep an extra eye open.

Airport roundabout

Ah, yes. The infamous airport roundabout. The favorite roundabout amongst local, because of its easy (hard) lanes that never (always) cause confusion among drivers. Sarcasm aside, this roundabout can be tricky to enter, especially when you're driving from the direction of the airport heading. When you're driving away from the airport reaching the roundabout, you'll be faced with three lanes. The far right lane is to take the exit 1 out heading east (right lane of highway). The middle exit is used for exit 1 (left lane of highway), 2 and 3. The far left exit is used to only exit on exit 3 (left lane of highway) and 4.

"Las Americas" roundabout

The Las Americas roundabout is located near the Talk of the Town hotel, west from the airport roundabout. This roundabout may look like a regular roundabout—and for the most part, it is. However, when you are driving from the east going in the direction of town, please take note that there are two exits on your right.

When you're driving towards this roundabout, you'll notice that the road becomes wider, splitting into two lanes. The right lane is used to take the first and second exit on the right. If you want to exit straight ahead, you must drive on the left lane!

It's always scary to drive in new places where the traffic may look and work differently, but once you get it right once, you'll get the hang of it in no time. Additionally, all roundabouts and roads on Aruba have signs and arrows painted on the road to help guide you. So take your time, keep your eyes open and don't forget to wear a seat belt! □



Ever heard of the cah'i orgel?

A key instrument in Aruban folklore music

(Oranjestad)—The cah'i orgel music box is an important and unique instrument that is used on the ABC islands in the Dutch Caribbean. This instrument is a staple in our folklore music, and its significance in the traditions of Aruba has and continues to bring together the old and young.

The origin of the cah'i orgel is said to have come from Europe around 150 years ago. A cross breed between the barrel piano and the organ, the most popular stories said that the instrument came from either England or Germany, but made its way to Italy down to Venezuela, where in 1881, Mr. Horatio Sprock (1866-1949) from Curacao was first introduced to it. After that, Sprock made his own cah'i orgel "Josefina",

and successfully debuted it on the streets of Barquisimeto. Back in Curacao, he started his own cah'i orgel business along with his brother Luis. In Aruba, it is said that the cah'i orgel was introduced by Rufo Wever, who later in his career became one of the composers for the Aruban national anthem.

Rufo Wever was a young musician in 1937 when he established his own cah'i orgel business on the island. Before that he experimented with his uncle's cah'i orgel, and he over the years he learned to build and repair the instrument. In fact, he was incredibly skilled in this, and he was one of the few to have recognized from the start that the cah'i orgel is an instrument that needs preserving.

As mentioned, the cah'i orgel is a music box. made from mahogany wood, it contains a cylinder with a maximum of eight music pieces. By rotating the lever on the front side of the box, the cah'i orgel produces music similar to that of a piano, and is accompanied often by someone else playing the "wiri", a percussion instrument made out of steel and reminiscent to the Spanish guiro. Back then, you would often also find someone playing the triangle alongside the cah'i orgel and wiri. In Aruba, the cah'i orgel and wiri is used for traditional music genres, such as the Aruban waltz, tumba, mazurka and more.

Fun fact: another name for the cah'i orgel is the "tingilingi box." □



Source: "E Cilinder Magico entre Aruba y Curaçao" by Marilyn Alcalá-Wallé, Herta

Parabirsing-Balentina and Nidia Rosaria-Wallé.

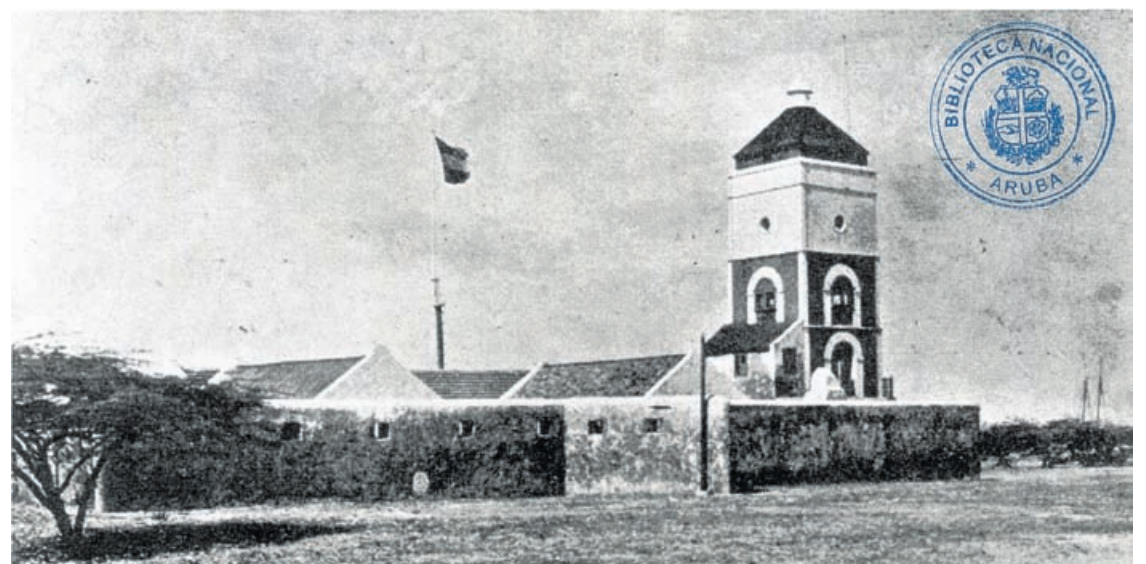
Visit the historic museum at Fort Zoutman!

(Oranjestad)—Located in the middle of downtown Oranjestad, situated right next to the government building "Cocolishi", is one of the oldest buildings of Aruba: Fort Zoutman. First constructed in 1796, this site has been used (or left unused) in many ways and have survived eras of war and attempted dismantling.

When anyone refers to Fort Zoutman, they are actually referring to two separate buildings that, over the years, have been merged: the fort and the tower.

That's right, the iconic 5-story, squared tower was not part of the original structure of the fort, and is actually called "Willem III Toren". Constructed in 1867, this tower was named after the then-reigning king of The Netherlands, Willem III. Willem III Toren was originally a light tower, but after a request from Lieutenant Governor Jan Helenus in 1866, it also became a bell tower.

The fort itself was originally constructed to protect the commerce bay of Paardenbaai from pirates and other disreputable



characters roaming the Caribbean Sea. Unlike the Willem III Toren, Fort Zout-

man had a more tumultuous past, including the on-and-off reception of unwanted members of the English military several times (The Netherlands was at constant war with England back in the colonial era). Over the years, both the fort and the tower had functioned as different government center points, including a tax and stamps office. For some time these two buildings also housed a police precinct and jail, and even experienced abandonment until the Cultural Center Aruba Foundation (CCA) petitioned for its renovation in 1964, turning the site into the Historic Mu-

seum it currently is. Despite its small size, The Historic Museum guards a rich depository of the commercial, military and social history of Oranjestad, offering a glance into how the social culture of the town came to be. If you are interested in history and want to learn more about Aruba, then Fort Zoutman should definitely be included into your itinerary.

The museum is open Monday to Friday from 9am-6pm, and Saturday from 10am-2pm. □

Source: The Old Fort of Aruba by Jan Hartog.



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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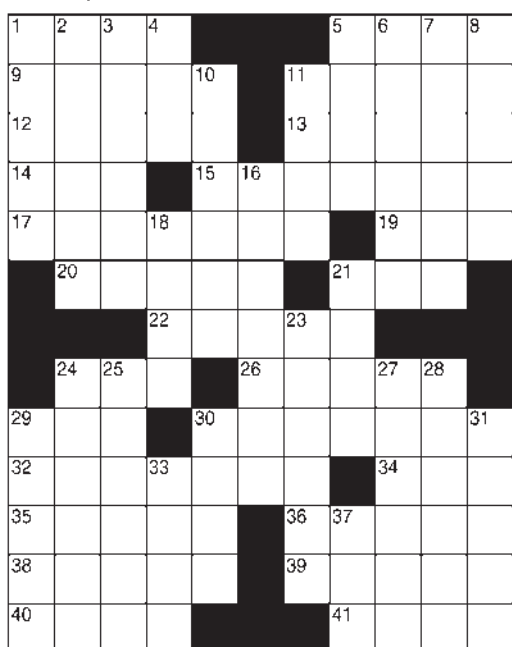
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7 Adds changes to
8 Join together
10 Keen enjoyment

- 11 Verne's traveler
16 Left on the plate
18 Evil
21 Told
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basicbut important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

lets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.

Supermarket hours



Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.

Electrical power



Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of out-

Drinking water



The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

Safety



Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.

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Ex-regulator wants better protection for young adult gamblers, including uniform betting age



Gamblers play slot machines at the Ocean Casino Resort in Atlantic City N.J. on May 21, 2024.

By Wayne Parry
Associated Press
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)

— New Jersey's former top gambling regulator with a nationwide reputation for strengthening oversight of the industry to make it safer says rules need to be toughened to protect young adults from developing addictions. In recommendations that could become widely accepted around the country, David Rebut, the recently retired director of New Jersey's Division of Gaming Enforcement, proposes a uniform age of 21 for all forms of gambling. That includes buying lottery tickets and playing fantasy sports, which people as young as 18 can do in many places. Several states allow 18-year-olds to gamble in casinos. He also wants to prohibit arcade games that closely resemble casino games or slot machines, and more closely oversee daily fantasy sports games and regulate them as a form of gambling (New Jersey's current state regulations treat them as games of skill). Rebut was widely regarded as one of the most influential gambling regulators in America during his 13-year tenure, and his ideas were often emulated or adopted outright by gambling regulators in other states. He said his recommendations, contained in an essay he released Thursday, are designed "to address what we all know will hap-

(AP Photo/Wayne Parry)
pen to some people" who gamble.

"People are going to slip into addiction," he said. "We all know that." The goal is to limit that harm as much as possible, particularly for young adults, he said. Keith Whyte, executive director of the National Council on Problem Gambling, said he strongly supports Rebut's initiative. "His deep experience and strong leadership as a regulator give him a great perspective on the importance of addressing problem gambling and continuously modernizing the oversight of gambling in New Jersey and nationwide," Whyte said. "When Dave speaks, everyone should listen." Mark Giannantonio, president of the Casino Association of New Jersey and

of Atlantic City's Resorts casino, said the trade group will study Rebut's recommendations before offering feedback. "Responsible gaming is essential to the success of the casino industry, and something we are all strongly committed to," he said. Rebut said New Jersey's gambling laws, most of which were written decades ago as safeguards against the influence of organized crime, need to be updated to keep pace with internet and phone-based gambling and rapidly evolving technology. And he called for an education campaign to teach the public that they are also engaging in gambling when they participate in sweepstakes, skill-based games, or use so-called "social gaming" apps. He noted that New Jersey's Democratic governor, Phil Murphy, created a task force earlier this year to study gambling-related harm and seek corrective actions. They would need to be voted on by the state Legislature. The most immediate change Rebut proposes would be raising the minimum age to engage in any form of gambling to 21. New Jersey allows people as young as 18 to buy lottery tickets, bet on horses, play daily fantasy sports games for money, play bin-

go and buy raffle tickets. "Revising the age of majority sends a powerful message that all gambling is an adult privilege," Rebut wrote. "For some youth, gambling results in at-risk behavior with damaging lifelong consequences. Minors 18 to 20 years old will undeniably benefit from the extra time to fully understand and prepare for any form of legal gambling engagement in the future." A study released last week by New Jersey's Fairleigh Dickinson University found that 10% of young men in the U.S. show behavior that indicates a gambling problem, compared to 3% of the general population. New Jersey's Legislature has defined daily fantasy sports as a game of skill and not a game of chance, therefore exempting it from being regulated as a form of gambling. □



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Sean 'Diddy' Combs faces new sex assault allegations in woman's lawsuit

By Dave Collins
Associated Press

(AP) - Sean "Diddy" Combs was hit with new sexual assault allegations Friday as a woman filed a lawsuit in New York saying she was repeatedly raped and drugged at the music mogul's homes and became pregnant after one of the encounters.

It's the latest of several similar lawsuits by women against Combs, who also was arrested last week on a federal sex trafficking indictment.

The lawsuit was filed against Combs, his companies and several associates and seeks undisclosed damages for physical injuries, severe emotional distress, humiliation, anxiety and other harms. A lawyer for Combs, his company and one of his representatives did not immediately return emails seeking comment Friday.

The woman in the latest lawsuit, identified by the pseudonym Jane Doe, accuses Combs of sexually assaulting her while she was unconscious from drugs, and it alleges Combs and his acquaintances recorded sexual encounters without her permission. She says that she met Combs overseas in fall 2020 and that the assaults and harassment continued through July this year.

Doe says she often was coerced and harassed into traveling to Combs' homes in New York, Los Angeles and Miami and other cities,



Sean Combs arrives at the Pre-Grammy Gala And Salute To Industry Icons at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

(Photo by Mark Von Holden/Invision/AP, File)

including monthly in 2021 and 2022.

"At every visit, (Combs) would make her 'perform a show' for him and would ply her with alcohol and substances until she passed out — she would wake up with bruising and injuries but with no recollection of how she sustained her injuries," the lawsuit says.

In a July 2022 encounter with Combs at his Los Angeles home, the woman alleges in the lawsuit, she was forced to ingest drugs she believes included ketamine and blacked out. She later took a pregnancy test and

told Combs it was positive, she says. A Combs associate repeatedly demanded she get an abortion, and she had a miscarriage, she asserts.

This past July, Doe says, Combs "commanded" her to go to his home in Miami, where she alleges Combs shoved two pills in her mouth. She says that the next morning, she felt ill and confused and could not remember what had happened the night before, and that the bedroom was in disarray.

Doe, being represented by attorneys Marie Napoli and

Joseph Ciccio, also alleges Combs and his associates tracked her location and monitored her conversations. She says Combs discouraged her from working and gave her an "allowance" that he used to control her.

"Powerful figures in the entertainment industry have long exploited aspiring artists and fans," Napoli said in a statement. "Recent high-profile lawsuits aim to hold these celebrities accountable, potentially transforming industry practices and providing justice for victims. No one is above the

law. Fame and wealth do not protect Sean 'Diddy' Combs from serious allegations of sex trafficking and abuse."

On Tuesday, another woman sued Combs, alleging that the music mogul and his head of security raped her and recorded it on video at his New York recording studio in 2001.

Combs remains jailed without bail in New York on the federal charges alleging he ran a vast network that facilitated sexual crimes and committed shocking acts of violence, using blackmail and other tactics to protect Combs and those close to him.

He pleaded not guilty to racketeering conspiracy and sex trafficking. His attorney said he is innocent and will fight to clear his name.

Earlier this month, Combs admitted that he beat his ex-girlfriend Cassie in a hotel hallway in 2016 and apologized after CNN released video of the attack.

Combs, 54, is one of the best-known music executives, producers and performers across hip-hop, having won three Grammys and worked with artists such as Notorious B.I.G., Mary J. Blige, Usher, Lil Kim, Faith Evans and 112. He founded Bad Boy Records in 1993, the influential fashion line Sean John, a vodka brand and the Revolt TV network. He sold off his stake in the latter company in June of this year. □

Footage of motorcade racing JFK to the hospital after he was shot sells for \$137,500 at auction



An undated image released by RR Auction shows home film footage of President John F. Kennedy's motorcade speeding down a Dallas freeway to the hospital after he was fatally wounded on Nov. 22, 1963.

(RR Auction via AP, File)

By James Stengle
Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Newly emerged film footage of

President John F. Kennedy's motorcade speeding down a Dallas freeway toward a hospital after he was fatally wounded sold at auction Saturday for \$137,500.

The 8 mm color home film was offered up by RR Auction in Boston. The auction house said the buyer wishes to remain anonymous.

The film has been with the family of the man who took it, Dale Carpenter Sr., since he recorded it on Nov. 22, 1963. It begins as Carpenter just misses the limousine carrying the president and

first lady Jacqueline Kennedy but capturing other vehicles in the motorcade as it traveled down Lemmon Avenue toward downtown. The film then picks up after Kennedy has been shot, with Carpenter rolling as the motorcade roars down Interstate 35.

The shots had fired as the motorcade passed through Dealey Plaza in front of the Texas School Book Depository, where it was later found that assassin Lee Harvey Oswald had positioned himself from a sniper's perch on the

sixth floor. The assassination itself was famously captured on film by Abraham Zapruder.

Carpenter's footage from I-35, which lasts about 10 seconds, shows Secret Service Agent Clint Hill — who famously jumped onto the back of the limousine as the shots rang out — hovering in a standing position over the president and Jacqueline Kennedy, whose pink suit can be seen. The president was pronounced dead after arriving at Parkland Memorial Hospital. □

Cycling star Pogačar wins men's road race at world championships with brilliant solo attack

Associated Press

ZURICH (AP) — Tadej Pogačar cemented his status as cycling's biggest star with a devastating solo attack to win the men's road race at the world championships on Sunday.

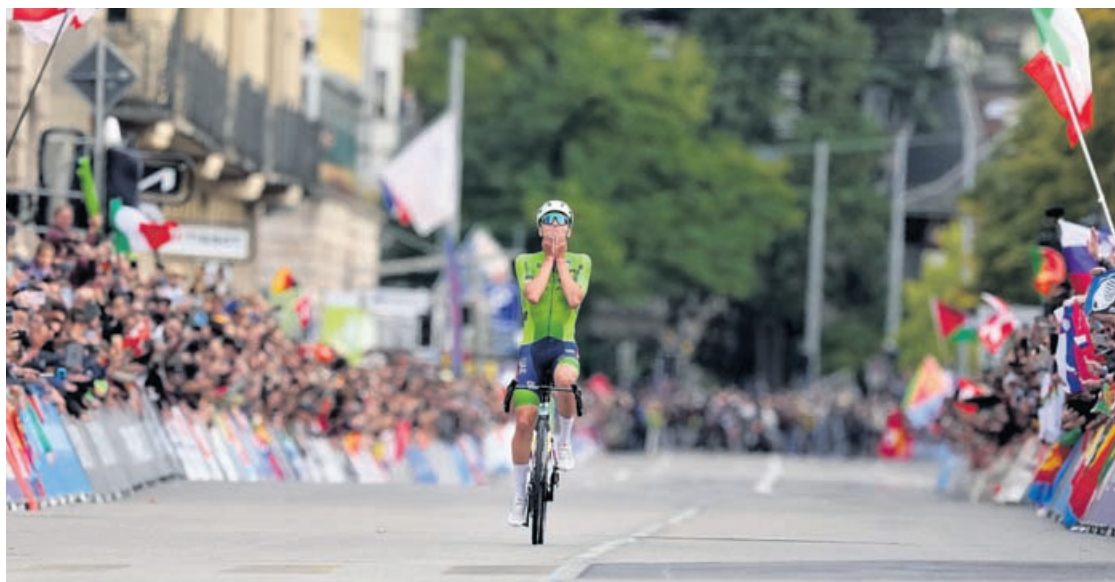
The three-time Tour de France champion surged ahead just over 50 kilometers (31 miles) from the end. The 26-year-old Slovenian appeared to be in tears after crossing the line in Zurich, putting his hand on his mouth, then covering his face with both hands before pumping his arms in the air. He crossed the line 34 seconds ahead of Australian Ben O'Connor and 58 clear of defending champion Mathieu van der Poel of the Netherlands, who finished third in a sprint to the line ahead of Latvian Toms Skujins and Belgian contender Remco Evenepoel in fifth place.

"I put a lot of pressure on myself for today. The race unfolded pretty quickly," Pogačar said. "I never gave up. It was an incredible day, I cannot believe what just happened." Pogačar achieved the rare treble of winning the worlds, the Tour and the Giro d'Italia in the same year. He also won the prestigious Liège-Bastogne-Liège classic and the Strade Bianche, both with similar solo attacks.

"After many years fighting for the Tour de France and other races I never had the world championship as a clear goal, but this year everything went smoothly," Pogačar said. "After the perfect season it was a really big goal to win the world championship and I can't believe it happened."

On Sunday, he had a prestigious teammate on the road: Primož Roglič, the record-equaling four-time Spanish Vuelta champion. But he didn't need him and it was Pavel Sivakov of France who joined Pogačar as he made a breakaway 100 kilometers (62 miles) out.

"I don't know what I was thinking," Pogačar said.



Slovenia's Tadej Pogacar reacts before crossing the finish line to win the Men Elite road race of the Cycling and Para-cycling Road World Championships in Zurich, Switzerland, Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024.

(AP Photo/Peter Dejong)

"But I went with the flow and luckily I made it."

The peloton — led by a de-

termined Van der Poel — tried to counter them with about 70 kilometers left.

The front two maintained their lead of around 40 seconds, with Van der Poel

now joined by Evenepoel, the 2022 world champion and reigning Olympic champion. But Evenepoel, who won last weekend's time trial, had no teammates with him.

After Pogačar dropped Sivakov, he rolled through the countryside leading to Zurich and the title after finishing third last year.

He completed the 274-kilometer (170-mile) route, which started from Winterthur and had elevation gains of 4,470 meters, in 6 hours, 27 minutes, 30 seconds.

Two-time world champion Julian Alaphilippe of France went out of the race early on. The Soudal Quick-Step rider was caught in a crash and hurt his left shoulder. □



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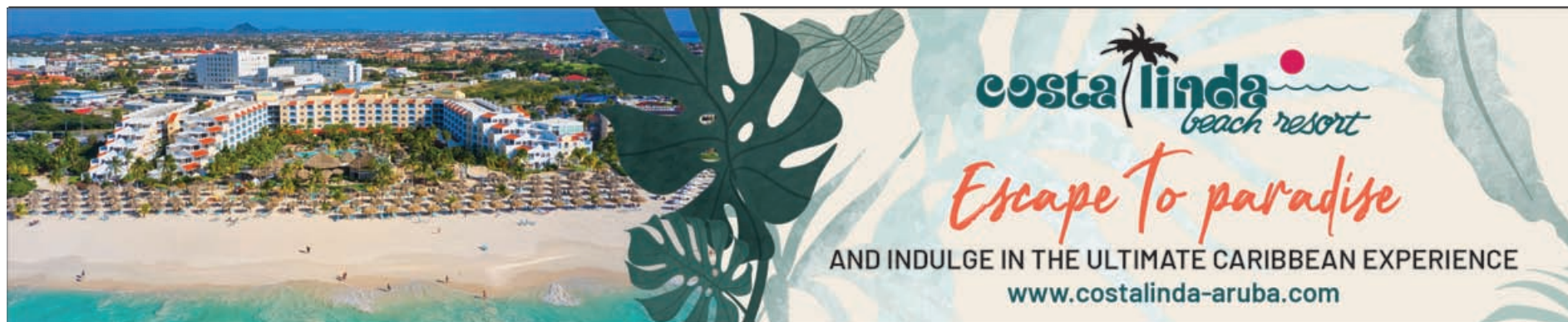


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Man United fans leave early and boo the players after 3-0 humbling at home to Tottenham

By James Robson

Associated Press

MANCHESTER, England (AP)

— By the time Dominic Solanke slid in Tottenham's third goal, some Manchester United fans had seen enough. Trailing 3-0 after 77 chastening minutes at Old Trafford, they vacated their seats and headed out into the Manchester rain. In the background were the mocking sounds of the visiting Spurs supporters.

"Is there a fire drill?" came a joyous chorus from the away end.

There have been many occasions like this under Erik ten Hag. When his team has looked bereft of ideas and confidence. When a stadium known as the Theatre of Dreams has become the stuff of nightmares.

"First we have to deal with this and show resilience. This is not good enough," Ten Hag admitted afterward. "We have to accept this and get better. Focus on the next game and do things better than we did today."

Tottenham's victory mirrored Liverpool's win by the same margin in United's previous Premier League home game at the start of the month. Ten Hag said similar things back then, but problems persist.

Goals by Brennan John-



Tottenham's Brennan Johnson, left, celebrates after scoring his side's opening goal during the English Premier League soccer match between Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur at Old Trafford stadium in Manchester, England, Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024.

(AP Photo/Dave Thompson)

son, Dejan Kulusevski and Dominic Solanke consigned United to a third loss in the league already this season. The record 20-time champion, which was reduced to 10 men after Bruno Fernandes' red card, is 12th in the standings after just one win in its last five games in the league. United has also failed to win any of its last three games in all competitions and there were boos inside the stadium from some of the fans that

remained at the final whistle. Spurs supporters were even more brutal during the game, chanting: "You're getting sacked (fired) in the morning."

Ten Hag, who only held onto his job after winning the FA Cup last season and being subjected to an end of year review, said such thoughts weren't on his mind — even in the face of such a troubled start to the campaign and a slew of changes made un-

der new minority owner Jim Ratcliffe.

"No, I'm not thinking about this. We all made, in togetherness, this decision to stay together," he said, adding that all parties "knew it would take some time".

As bad as this latest setback for Ten Hag was, it could have been worse, with goalkeeper Andre Onana twice denying Timo Werner in one-on-one situations with the forward. He also stopped

Solanke from scoring his second when through on goal late on.

United got off to a terrible start. It went behind in the third minute when Johnson was left with an open net to aim at after defender Micky van de Ven was allowed to run from his own half and cross from inside the box in the third minute.

Johnson made no mistake from close range and might have added another when firing against the post.

United was lucky not to go further behind before half-time as Tottenham dominated and even came close to an equalizer when Alejandro Garnacho volleyed against the post with a rare chance for the home team.

But any chance of a comeback was dealt a major blow after Fernandes was shown a straight red for a studs-up challenge on James Maddison shortly before the break. Spurs didn't have to wait long to double the lead, with Kulusevski adding a second two minutes into the second half by flicking a shot past Onana from Johnson's cross. Solanke slid in for Spurs' third.

"We were real good. Obviously it is a great victory," Spurs manager Ange Postecoglou said.

"That is everything we want to be." □



Minnesota Twins manager Rocco Baldelli walks out to the mound during the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles, Friday, Sept. 27, 2024, in Minneapolis.

(AP Photo/Matt Krohn)

Twins will bring back Rocco Baldelli as manager despite late-season collapse

By Dave Campbell

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Rocco Baldelli will return next year as manager of the Minnesota Twins despite a late-season freefall that left the defending AL Central champions out of the playoffs.

President of baseball operations Derek Falvey confirmed Sunday before the

team's last game that Baldelli's job is safe. The Twins were 12-26 in their last 38 games entering the finale.

The 43-year-old Baldelli has managed three division titles in six seasons with Minnesota. His overall record was 457-412 going into the final game.

Falvey also said he's expecting to return for a ninth year with the Twins in 2025.